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SUBJECT: MALAGASY GOVERNMENT REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR ELECTION
TO COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)

1. BY CIRCULAR NOTE DATED AUGUST 19, 1974, MALAGASY
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISES THAT GOMR WILL BE
A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE ICAO AT
21ST ASSEMBLY OF ICAO TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL SEPTEMBER 24-
OCTOBER 16, 1974. NOTE STATES THAT ELECTION OF MALAGASY
REPUBLIC TO COUNCIL OF ICAO WOULD GIVE REPRESENTATION
ON THAT BODY TO THE SUB-REGION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN;
THAT AIR TRANSPORT IS ONE OF MADAGASCAR'S PRINCIPAL MEANS
OF COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; AND THAT
MADAGASCAR'S INTERNAL AIR NETWORK IS ONE OF THE MOST
EXTENSIVE IN ALL OF AFRICA. FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCORDINGLY
REQUESTS U.S. SUPPORT OF MALAGASY CANDIDACY.

2. EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE WHETHER SUPPORT
FOR ELECTION OF MADAGASCAR TO COUNCIL OF ICAO IS IN
OVERALL USG INTEREST BUT SUPPORT COULD BE USEFUL IN
US-GOMR RELATIONS. MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT,
UNDOUBTEDLY ORIGINATOR OF THIS REQUEST, IS CURRENTLY
ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMBASSY ON NASA
STATION AND AID RAILROAD LOAN. IN ADDITION, MINISTER
OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT IS NUMBER TWO MAN IN GOMR.

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3. WE ARE SENDING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AN INTERIM REPLY
STATING ITS REQUEST TRANSMITTED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES
OF THE USG IN WASHINGTON.
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